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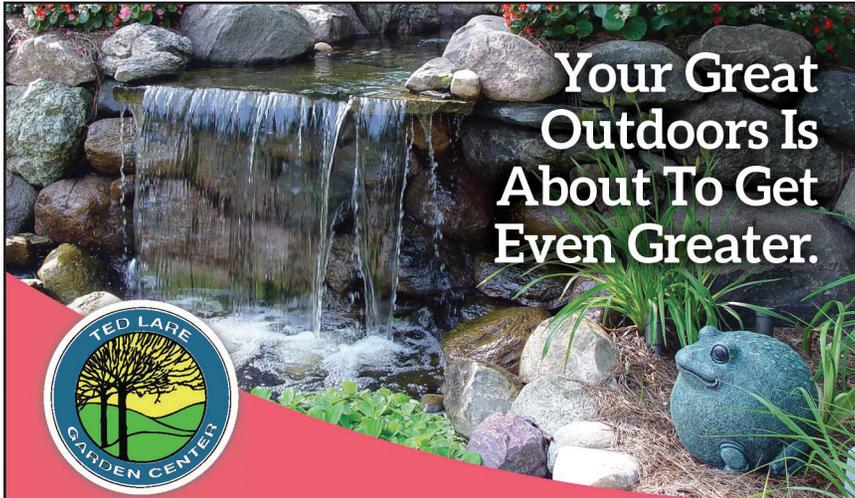


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Polk County Master Gardeners proudly presents a diverse group of home gardens as well as the renowned Dunlap Park & Arboretum in Urbandale on the 2022 tour.

Significant features of this year's selections of gardens include stone terraced vegetable gardens; Iowa natural prairie plantings; fruit orchard and berry gardening; whimsical garden art; a plethora of master gardening techniques including rain barrels, composting, water features, raised bed planting, planting on slopes, shade gardens, dry stream bed, trellises, arbors, garden paths, creating a sense of enclosure and privacy, and attracting birds and bees.

Enjoy a breathtaking display of color and fragrance as you experience the activities and wander through the vegetable and flower gardens presented by the Polk County Master Gardeners.

WHAT IS A MASTER GARDENER?

They are trained volunteers who share a love of gardening, an enthusiasm for learning, and a commitment to helping others. Perhaps you've met a Master Gardener working at a community garden, teaching a workshop, or answering questions at your extension county office.





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JUDY HINES

15419 Brookview Dr., Urbandale, IA

When Judy Hines moved into a new subdivision, she was presented with a blank canvas. Judy's landscape can be described as an "old fashioned flower garden with a touch of rustic garden design". Elements of rustic garden design in the front yard are a wagon wheel, metal gate, an old plow, small picket fence in addition to a wooden trug, where Judy raises cherry tomatoes. Her front yard bed anchored by a Crabapple tree includes yellow and orange Coreopsis, Coneflowers, coralbells, Goldenrod, Asiatic Lilies and many other perennials.

Judy, who developed her love

of gardening while growing up on a farm in Manning, Iowa, has transplanted some perennials from her childhood home, including several hostas, peonies and daylilies. Other favorite perennials in the back-yard bed include Beebalm, Hardy Geranium, Phlox, several kinds of Coneflowers, Sedum Autumn Joy, Siberian Iris and more. A newer bed is a beginner pollinator garden with a mix of wildflowers.

Gardening is a family affair at this site. Judy's daughter's home backs on her property and Judy shares her love of gardening with her granddaughter.



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MASTER GARDENER NANCY ANDERSON

4011 138th st, Urbandale, IA

The Gardener as Artist: For Nancy Anderson, the multiple garden beds surrounding her home provide a framework for something different, something new.

There are the beloved foundations—like the Hardy Hibiscus, peony bushes and blue hydrangea. Purple Salvia and Baptisia bloom. The backyard woods cast dense shade over her yard. These are her anchors, the cornerstones of her many garden beds.

Then like an artist experimenting with light and color, Nancy plans for those special additions of color and texture. Her southside “anything goes flower bed” is an example of this. Sometimes it is wildflowers grown from seed, sometimes a bed of zinnias, or a particular annual flower bed; this is her eclectic cottage garden. An area which delights her with surprises.

Recently, the towering trees of Honey Locust and the woodland beyond present the challenge of dense shade. Hostas, the backbone of any shade garden, have not fared well back here with the visiting deer enjoying a daily Hosta feast.

Nancy, ever the artist, ever the garden designer, redesigns the woodland garden—Brunnera, Ferns, Astilbe, Angel Wing Wax Begonia and Heuchera all will have a chance to show their stuff, in Nancy’s search to find the right combination.

Nancy has been gardening since the age of 8 when she first asked for her own flower bed. She remembers scattering wildflower seeds and the joy of seeing those first blooms. Nancy’s joy of gardening continues every season in this cherished garden setting.



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MASTER GARDENER KATHY COLE

12949 Lincoln Ave, Clive, IA



The Splendor of Color: Vibrant colors and textures are the mainstay of Kathy’s garden. The display begins at the entrance to the home with perennial beds that include Hydrangeas, Clematis and daises.

In the back, the stunning Cone flower collection includes a mix of colors. Blue False Indigo (Baptisia), Hydrangea and a Clematis Roguchi (bluebells) are favorites. A rose quartz fountain surrounded by Irish Moss and Flagstone anchors the entire garden.

A must-see feature of this backyard garden is the charming Garden House, designed by Kathy and her husband, Steve. This Garden

structure, includes a front porch for sitting, as well as inside work areas. Sky Blue window boxes and pale yellow window trim, cascading with blooms enhance the outside entrance.

Of interest is a rain barrel irrigation system, designed by Kathy and Steve that can water most of the backyard. Underneath their deck, a rain catching gutter system channels rainwater into a 200-gallon rain barrel fit with an on-demand electric pump.

A cement leaf garden path (crafted by Kathy), and a dedicated raised bed vegetable garden are other features not to be missed in this memorable garden.

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MASTER GARDENER CHARITY MCCAULEY ANDEWEG

3928 Greenview Dr, Urbandale, IA

A Perfect Backdrop for

Entertaining: Charity began her current garden “from scratch” in 2013, taking a suburban lawn barren of any plants to new levels of color, texture and shape. This garden is home to over 150 varieties of shrubs, trees, and plants, many of which are native to Iowa.

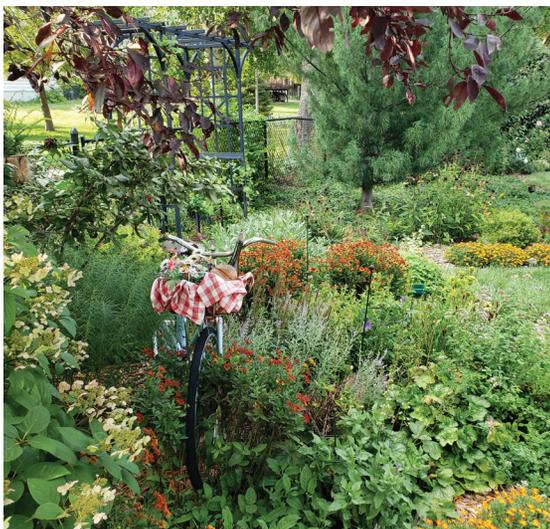
Unusual and interesting shrubbery and trees is the real foundation of this home garden. A Japanese Maple and a Korean Maple in the front greet the visitor with a gentle hint of what treasures lie beyond the garden gates.

In the back three beloved Smoke

Bushes are joined by Contorted White Pines, Mohican Viburnum, a Harry Lauder Walking Stick, Glossy Black Chokeberry and a spring blooming Witch-hazel. These provide some privacy from the Urbandale Bike Trail that borders the yard.

In 2020 a Garden House was added that serves as both a place for storing garden tools and necessities and a place to relax.

Charity considers her garden an extension of her home, another room to enjoy all summer long. She says “It is the perfect backdrop for entertaining family and friends.”



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JACKALINE BALDWIN DUNLAP PARK AND ARBORETUM

3020 Sherry Ln, Urbandale, IA 50322



Jackaline and Paul Dunlap began their secret garden in 1974 when they started purchasing the farmland around their Urbandale home, eventually transforming the cornfield into a 12-acre outdoor retreat full of natural beauty.

This masterpiece, accessible from the Dunlap's back yard, was surrounded on all sides by Urbandale subdivisions and hidden from the public. Jackaline had a special greenhouse for tropical plants and directly off the sunroom a prized perennial bed surrounded by a Brick pathway. The couple wanted to create a space that was reminiscent of Iowa's prairie past, while also incorporating unique and rare plant and tree species not historically found in Iowa.

Jackaline's dream from the beginning was to share the arboretum with the community and ensure its beauty was protected for future generations to

enjoy. In 2012, the couple gifted the arboretum and meadow to the City of Urbandale, entrusting the City to continue efforts to realize the vision for the park and celebrate the legacy of Jackaline and Paul.

There is a short loop of paved path, with a modern shelter. Lots of benches and picnic tables are spread throughout the shady park. There are several garden sculptures and planted gardens, with a connection to the nearby paved bike trail.

Four acres of the plot feature a mature arboretum, with a variety of native and foreign trees and plants, including concolor fir, horse chestnut, blue spruce, and magnolias.

This year Polk County Master Gardeners lend their expertise and energy to Urbandale's Park and Rec efforts to enhance Jackaline's beloved perennial bed.

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HORTICULTURIST DEREK MCKAY

1129 Mason Ave, Des Moines, IA



Welcome to That One Des Moines Garden!

Just what is That One Des Moines Garden? Oh, You know it's the one with all the Dinosaurs! This garden is situated in southern Des Moines, distinct for its rolling hills. Key points in Derek's garden are education, native plants and just plain fun all rolled up into one. Derek uses his knowledge and love for Dinosaurs and has transformed this once blank plot to the lush, green, dino-riffic gardens you see today and all in just four years! Front and center you will see a big green Dinosaur appropriately given the Thuja. It is a T-Rex topiary made out of live plants making it an actual "living" dinosaur! Jurassic creatures are the mainstay in the garden-there are 12 throughout.

For plantings, the gardens are

brimming with "prairie inspired" plantings and island beds with plenty of open lawn space to tie in with the surrounding neighborhood.

You can walk down the natural path where you will quickly find Little Lucky, standing at 8 feet tall is the gardens most famous and largest (but friendliest) T-Rex.

The final important piece is education, throughout are several test plots that are testing the hardiness of plants in an attempt to find Iowa's "next." Be on the lookout for several species not typically seen around here like Southern Magnolia, American Holly Trees, Flowering Dogwood and real Iowa Cactus. You will certainly have a "roaring" good time at this one of a kind garden!

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MASTER GARDENER LINDA BENDER

1235 Davis Ave., Des Moines, IA

Linda Bender has a large garden situated just south of downtown with views of the city. When she and her husband moved into the property in 1988, it was a Midwest jungle with many undesirable plants, including plenty of poison ivy. Over the years the worst and most dangerous vegetation has been dealt with and replaced.

A large magnolia surrounded by 70-year-old junipers welcome you to this property. The back yard has hydrangeas forming an informal background to the other plantings. All the hydrangeas started from one Annabelle Hydrangea, divided many times.

Receiving a lot of sun, beds of native grasses and herbs grow throughout the center and north facing gardens.

The west side of the property was initially formed after a landslide in 2008. Now, a three-tiered garden stands containing native prairie plants that feed the local wildlife. Last year, the prairie had reached full maturity and provided a spectacular view a top the railed overlook. Take in the interesting topography and native plants such as rattlesnake master, false indigo, big and little bluestem, and more in this garden.



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NAGJIJE FERATAJ & KRISTIN GRIFFITH

1710 7th st, Des Moines, IA

Work began on this garden in 2017, when home renovations wrapped up on the Queen Anne Victorian. The lot and a half surrounding the house was in very poor shape having been used for decades as a parking lot, before a fire left it gutted and abandoned in the late 1990's.

Gardener Nagjije Ferataj began work on the unloved space by leveling out the yard to repair damage from the home's renovation. Flowers were the first addition of greenery with a focus on colors and butterfly friendly plants. The daughter of

a dedicated gardener, Nagjije spent hours creating a space to grow vegetables, including special peppers just like the ones she grew up with in Kosovo. Over the last four years the garden has grown rapidly with additions such as hardscaping, two bee colonies, rain barrels, and more.

The garden sparkles with color, illustrating Nagjije's ability to blend plants of all types, shapes and sizes. She continues to build out the space by weaving together flowers, vegetables and anything else green to create a very unique and vibrant space.



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SHIRLEY TREANOR

3200 Bowdoin St., Des Moines, IA

Shirley moved to her newly built home in December 2020. As soon as the weather allowed, she began creating the gardens of her dreams; a micro urban prairie and two produce gardens which sport various flowers to attract pollinators.

In the past, Iowa was predominantly prairie and Shirley wanted to bring a little bit of that back by planting native Iowa plants. She utilized funding from the City of Des Moines' Rain Campaign to help create a front yard micro urban prairie complete with amended soil, a rain garden,

a bird station with a sitting area, and rain barrels. The front lawn is partially shaded by a large male Ginkgo tree. It is so ancient the species is known as a "living fossil"!

This is a garden beaming with life, including two beehives that Shirley houses on the property, and a worm farm which will be on display for attendees who are interested in vermicomposting.

Shirley is looking forward to having you as her guest as you explore the gardens which are being created from the power of big dreams.



JASON CAMPFIELD-HOLDEFER

3900 NE 46th St., Des Moines, IA



Jason Campfield-Holdefer's garden has been evolving for the last twenty years. It went from perfectly manicured with everything in its place to what it is now; organized chaos. He has grown to appreciate the look of a cottage garden and slowly turned his garden space into one.

Last year, he started keeping bees and currently has two hives. One of the hives features a different way of harvesting the honey, reducing stress on the bees.

Knowing that the bees love to visit the many different flowers and the pond, made from an old cattle trough, Jason started adding more native Iowa plants for the bees to enjoy, including more fall blooming plants to prolong their foraging season.

Looking around, you will notice that many things in these gardens have been given new life, come view these and other creative additions in this garden.

MASTER GARDENER SHAYLA SMITH

505 SW State St., Ankeny, IA 50023

Master Gardener (intern) Shayla Smith's garden is nestled in central Ankeny. It was started 5 years ago with a dream of providing a bit of self-sufficiency by way of a large vegetable garden which has grown into a collector's landscape of both edibles and ornamentals. Boasting vast varieties of perennials, this garden provides color from early Spring to the latest months of the growing season.

The vegetable garden is almost entirely started from seed. With the collector's mindset, this part of the garden contains many

regular staples of the traditional Iowa food garden with an emphasis on growing as many varieties of the same vegetable as possible, the focal point being 35 different varieties of peppers. A young berry patch also houses black, red, and golden raspberries, blueberries, and both white and blackberries.

With the loss of a 70 year old tree due to the derecho in 2020, the homeowners began development of a nature playscape around the large leftover stump with hopes of cultivating a habitat of Iowa native plants surrounding the area.



Interested in becoming a Master Gardener in Polk County?



More information about the Polk County Master Gardener Program and how to apply can be found at extension.iastate.edu/polk/master-gardener-program.

Classes are held both in-person and online. Participants complete online coursework, and then attend in-person, in-the-field educational experiences to supplement their learning.



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July 26th | 6:00pm-8:00pm

Join the Polk County Master Gardeners for Children's Art in the Garden at the Enabling Garden! Complete kid-friendly art projects including arts-and-crafts stations, a music station and a StoryWalk featuring "The Color Monster" by Anna Llenas.

July 12 | 6:00pm

Awesome Perennials by Derek McKay, staffer from Ted Lare Design Build.

August 23 | 6:00pm

Shade Gardening (basics for amateurs and great plants for shade), by Aaron Steil, Iowa Public Television show host, "Gardening with Steil".

THE DISCOVERY GARDEN

1207 E Iowa St, Des Moines, IA 50317

Southwest of the Agriculture Building, Iowa State Fairgrounds

July 20th | 6:00pm-7:00pm

Learn about Botanical Card making with Master Gardener Laura Scoles. Located at the Iowa State Fairgrounds Farm Bureau shelter.

THE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

92nd and Dewey Gibbs Rd., Urbandale, IA 50322

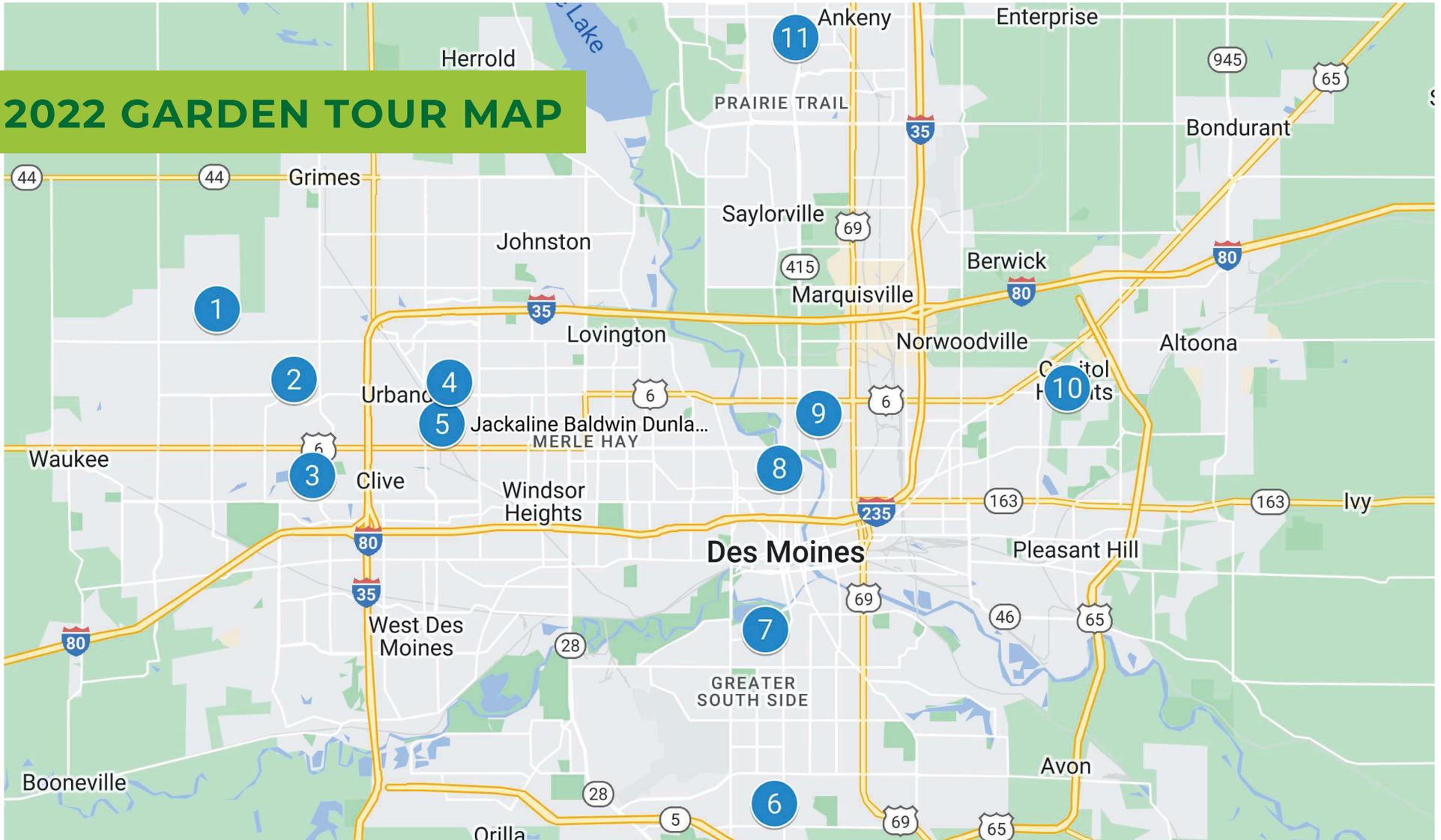
July 14th | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Herbs- Enjoying Fresh and Preserving Them For Later, Nancy Eichmann, Master Gardener

July 21st | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Therapeutic Value of Gardening and Application to the Home Landscape, Stephanie Harrington, Master Gardener

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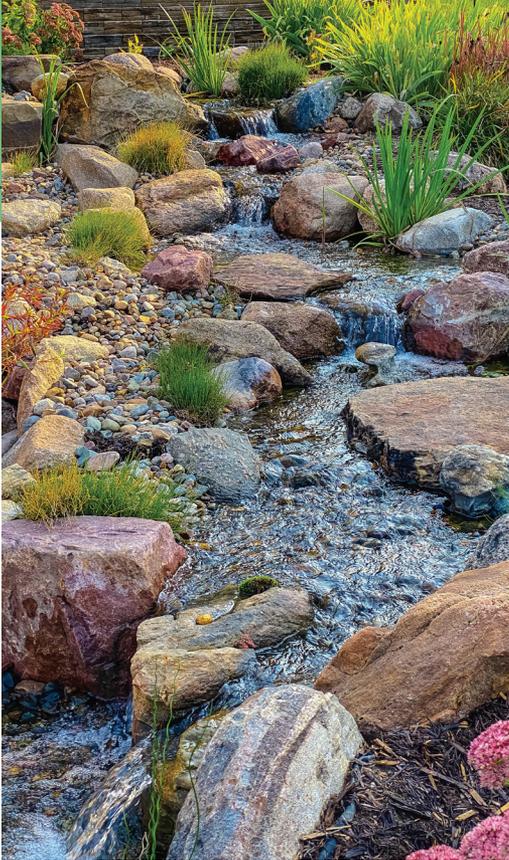
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